

HONORING THE WILLIAMSON
COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD**HON. BART GORDON**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I am taking this opportunity to applaud the invaluable services provided by the Williamson County Rescue Squad. These brave, civic-minded people give freely of their time so that should disaster strike, we know that our friends and neighbors are there to help.

Few realize the depth of training and hard work that goes into being a member of the rescue squad. Rescue squad members undergo a training series over a 4- to 6-month period which includes instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation [CPR], vehicle extrication, emergency driving, and rescue orientation. In addition to this training, rescue squad members also meet monthly to address business concerns as well as hear guest speakers.

Rescue squad members are volunteers. They receive no pay for what they do. What also makes their service especially outstanding is that the organizations themselves receive no funding. They receive no funding from the city, the county, or the Federal Government.

Rescue squads are funded in the same spirit of community voluntarism which moves them to serve. Family, friends, and neighbors pitch in at bake sales, road blocks, and fish fries to help those who sacrifice their time for the benefit of the whole community.

Committing such an amount of spare time and energy to a job so emotionally and physically taxing requires a sense of devotion and duty for which we are all grateful.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY E. GRIFFIN

HON. MIKE PARKER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PARKER. Mr. Speaker, I come before the House to ask you to join me in honoring Mr. Larry E. Griffin, the current president of the International Right of Way Association and a resident of Laurel, MS.

Born on December 28, 1949, in Laurel, Mr. Griffin earned his bachelor of science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. Following his graduation he began his career as a specialist in the acquisition of power line and pipeline rights-of-way. While serving in the Mississippi highway department, Griffin earned his senior right-of-way designation and worked to ensure that his peers were recognized and rewarded for their achievement. After 12 years of dedicated service to the department and the people of Mississippi, Mr. Griffin moved on in 1987 to become the director of lands at the South Mississippi Electric Power Association.

Mr. Griffin has been active with the International Right of Way Association serving in many capacities—treasurer, membership chairman, local president, director, public awareness chairman, course coordinator, nomination and election committee, liaison committee, president's club, a course coordi-

nator, nomination and election committee, liaison committee, president's club, a representative for the pacesetter campaign, and as vice-chair and chair of the Southeast United States Region. In 1985, he received his chapter's Professional of the Year Award. He also has been recognized by two international awards: the Gene L. Land award for the greatest percentage increase in chapter membership, and the Frank C. Balfour professional of the year award.

A year ago, I had the privilege of installing Mr. Griffin as the 41st president and the first Mississippian to be president of the International Right of Way Association. In addition to holding this prestigious position, he has continued his daily responsibilities to the people of Mississippi, and his other commitments to his church and family, his children's schools and civic organizations. He is an advisory board member of the Word of Life Church, Parent Teacher Organization president, and director of the Kiwanis Club of Laurel.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I ask you to join with me in thanking Mr. Griffin for his dedicated service and in wishing his continued success. Mr. Griffin, thank you for all you have done for Mississippi and our Nation.

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HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today out of deep concern for our children, senior citizens and the working poor. This budget is deja vu all over again. I thought that the leadership learned a lesson last year when they shut down the Government and lost favor in the eyes of the American people but here we go again with the same old gimmickry. Just like last year, they are using the annual report published by the Medicare Board of Trustees to justify these extreme cuts in Medicare, while everyone knows that these cuts are going to be used to pay for the tax cuts they plan to bestow on their wealthy friends.

Mr. Speaker, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle would have the American people believe that they are doing seniors a favor by causing them to have to choose between going to the doctor and buying groceries. This is no favor it is a vicious attack on the Nation's elderly. There are over 388,000 medicare beneficiaries in Mississippi and this bill will have a devastating impact on them.

Mr. Speaker, because this budget is just like the old one, more than 6 million families with children will see a reduction in the earned income tax credit. This is a credit that goes to working families and is not a welfare payment. To take this credit away from working families makes about as much sense as asking the Bulls to play without Michael Jordan tonight.

Mr. Speaker, it is a sad day when we are forced to stand before the American people as leaders and speak out to protect the most vulnerable people in our society against an irresponsible plan that would cause undue pain. I urge a "no" vote on this budget resolution.

RECOGNITION OF THE UNITED
FAMILY COALITION**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the United Family Coalition for its commitment to regaining control of their community in Ward 7, Washington, DC. On June 13, 1996, UFC will courageously march against drug offenders in their neighborhood. The organization will march from 60th and East Capitol Streets to the U.S. Capitol Grounds as a symbolic show of their solidarity and determination to rid the community of drug dealers and their illegal activity. The United Family Coalition will put all drug dealers and abusers on notice that the sale of narcotics and violent behavior will not be tolerated in Ward 7. UFC and march participants will announce to Congress that Ward 7 can govern itself.

UFC's mission is to enhance the quality of life for children, youth, and families in at-risk communities. This organization provides individual and group counseling on substance abuse, AIDS, employment, and parenting skills. They also provide tutoring and college preparation referrals.

We should all applaud the United Family Coalition for its efforts to regain control of their community. I enthusiastically support the march's objective to create safer communities for our children and families. I urge my colleagues on Capitol Hill to make a similar commitment.

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA M. RICH OF
EDGEFIELD, SC**HON. LINDSEY O. GRAHAM**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, Martha M. Rich, who is known affectionately throughout Edgefield County as Miz Martha, has served the people of Edgefield County in many ways since moving here in 1956. In that year she began work with the South Carolina Highway Department. Previously, she had worked as a bank teller in Augusta, GA, and operated a restaurant and motel in McCormick County.

It was in 1963 that Martha Rich was asked by then-County Commissioner Frank Timmerman to consider working for Edgefield County. Starting her county work in the tax assessor's office, she was involved that year in the very first property value reassessment program. In 1970, she was named assistant county administrator. During her 33 years with the county, she has served the public on matters as diverse as roads and bridges, emergency medical and fire operations, and waste disposal. Ms. Rich was a key figure in the transition to home rule, when county governments were gaining local control under new laws enacted at the State level. In the often trying political environment of county government, Ms. Rich has served six county administrators and numerous local elected officials. She has also remained a key contact person with State and Federal office holders on behalf